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POLICE FORCE,
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Sir,

In consequence of the action of the French Police in disbanding the meeting of the destitute rebels in the Zee Oen 仁安 teashop on Rue Kraetzer on the 14th inst they now meet in four teashops near the West Gate. On the 15th inst they sent a deputation to again interview the officers of the Repatriation Office. General Yang was communicated with by telephone and sent two staff officers who visited the various teashops and explained to the rebels who number about 1000 that funds will be forthcoming very soon. Meanwhile the shopkeepers in the vicinity became alarmed and telephoned to General Yang for troops to be sent to the scene. A Company was sent about noon but the officer in charge soon withdrew on finding the rebels quiet and orderly. The shopkeepers gave the soldiers a present of $50 for their trouble much to the indignation of the rebels who pointed out to them that they had often begged for money and could not get it from them.

Pah Vung Wei 柏文蔚 a rebel leader who is now living at 284 Ya Bing Li 愛平里 Frenchtown has issued a circular asking the rebels not to bother him with their affairs as he is very sick and will take no further interest in their affairs.

It is reported that a newspaper to be named the Ming Tuh Pao 民德報 will shortly be published in Shanghai, the general manager being Zung Zing An 陳靜庵 an ex-military advisor to the Chekiang Tutuh. The paper is to be run in the interests of General Chang Hsun.

There is still no settlement of the painters strike.

Your Obedient Servant,

William Chang

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

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